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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Ohio University and Westlake Police Department's Anti-Human Trafficking Decision Support System in fiscal year 2022:

The entity to receive funding for this project is Ohio University, located at : 1 Ohio University, Athens, OH, 45701.

The funding would be used to aide in the deployment of Ohio University and the Westlake Police Department's Decision Support System (DSS) that police officers can utilize in the planning and deployment of anti-human trafficking operations. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because funding will support the DSS that will analyze and improve human trafficking data collection, investigate the relationships between illicit transaction and sex trafficking to enhance prosecution, and produce analytical models that inform law enforcement of courses of action to fight human trafficking.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Anthony Gonzalez Member of Congress